The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : Madam, I introduce the Bill.

THE PRESS COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1992

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUM. GIRIJA VYAS) : Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Press Council Act, 1978.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

KUM. GIRIJA VYAS : Madam, I introduce the Bill.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : *

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : This is not recorded.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI (Gujarat) : Madam. I have been standing for a long time... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर (उत्तर प्रदेश) : गुस्ताखी माफ करें ।

उपसभापति : जी, माफ कर दी। एडवांस में कर दी।

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : मैडम, क्या स्वामी जी ने परमिशन ले कर अपनी बात कही थी ? आप मुझे बीच में ही टोक देती हैं। उन्होंने परमिशन ली थी क्या ? ... (**व्यवधान**) आपने परमिशन दी थी ।

उपसभापति : किसको ? वह रिकार्ड नहीं हुई । आपने मेरा कमेंट नहीं सुना ।

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : मगर बोलने तो दिया आपने ।

उपसभापति : अब बोलने के लिए मेरे हाथ में कोई कुछ तो है नहीं कि उनके मुंह में लगा दूं ।

*Not recorded.

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : मगर मेरे मुंह पर तो आप लगा देती हैं।

उपसभापति : मेरी सिर्फ एक ही शक्ति है कि रिकार्ड पर ही नहीं आने दूं । ... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : लेकिन थोड़ी सी शिकायत जरूर सुन लीजिए ।

उप-सभापति : आप शिकवा-शिकायत जरूर करिए । (**व्यवधान**) Special Mentions.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : Madam. I have been wanting to say...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Special Mentions.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : This concerns the very propriety of this House. There is a very strange situation... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : We are having Special Mentions.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : Madam, this is concerning democracy and the very propriety of this House. Certain authorities on whom we have vested all the powers—this is the creation of this House —if that authority talks to the media, Madam, that becomes a public thing. The whole world, the whole country debates on it. And we are not permitted. Madam, the technical point is, I am talking about the briefing of the Chairman of the JPC. When he says something...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : That cannot be taken up on the floor of the House.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : ...it becomes a public document. Madam, it is clear that the Finance Minister was privy to all the things. But he withheld it for the presentation of the Budget. And the chaos which has been created in this country is because of that... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Please, we cannot go on. I will not permit. (*Interruptions*) I am not permitting it.

[The Deputy Chairman]

Special Mentions—Shri Satish Pradhan. (*Interruptions*) I am not permitting it. (*Interruptions*) It is not recorded. (*Interruptions*) Special Mentions, please. (*Interruptions*) It is not recorded. I said, we are taking Special Mentions and nothing else. But I must remind our hon. Member that today itself I have said on the mention of a Member of this House that whatever happened in the JPC has already been discussed, and I am not going to allow any further discussion until and unless there are certain directives or some procedure. I am not going to violate the ordinary procedure of the Committees. Whatever is happening outside, I am not concerned with it. Now, Special Mentions—Shri Sukomal Sen. (*Interruptions*) अभी स्पेशल-मेंशन होने दीजिए I am not permitting anyone. आपका चांस आएगा दिनेश भाई त्रिवेदी जी।

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Reported Ignoring of the Safety Aspects by Indian Airlines

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal) : Madam, during the Question Hour, some safety aspects of the Indian Airlines were raised. Madam, through this Special Mention, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the serious deficiencies that the Indian Airlines is suffering from, and how the safety aspects of the aircraft and the passengers are being totally neglected. Madam, these are vital matters concerning the lives of the passengers. Madam, in this connection, I would like to give some examples. All this news has appeared in the press. Madam, recently, one Air-bus A-320 flight was being manned by two trainee pilots and it met with an accident at the Hyderabad airport. Madam, it is reported that instead of investigating into the matter, the Civil Aviation authorities are trying to suppress the matter so that the lacunae that they were suffering from in the Indian Airlines do not come to light. Madam, there is another serious incident which was reported in different newspapers. Madam, one hopping flight from Bombay to Ranchi landed at Ranchi. But the pilot who was manning the aircraft, A-737, mistook the Jamshedpur airport as Ranchi airport and in the night, the flight started landing. At that time, Madam, the Control Tower at Jamshedpur found that a big aircraft was landing on a small airstrip, and they immediately switched off the entire lighting system of the airport, and the plane could not land. Ultimately, it landed at Ranchi after great deal of difficulty because the pilot was not aware of the terrain nor was he properly trained. If the plane had actually landed at the Jamshedpur airport, it would have crashed and resulted in the loss of a number of passengers. Madam, this news, this fact is also going to be suppressed by the Civil Aviation authorities. And because of their insufficient safety measures, this incident took place.

Madam, as you know, recently a number of accidents took place at the Kathmandu airport. Even quite recently, a big aircraft belonging to a foreign airlines crashed in Kathmandu. After that, the Civil Aviation authorities of Nepal issued instructions to all the inter-national airlines on how to land their aircraft in Kathmandu and how to take off from Kathmandu. Even then, safety instructions of the Civil Aviation authorities of Nepal have not been supplied to the pilots of Indian Airlines. As a result, some serious situations has arisen.

Now the pilots are on agitation, on go-slow and work-to-rule agitation. I am not going into the details of the matter whether they are right or wrong. But I would like to highlight the safety aspects. It is true that many of the airports in the country do not have the modern gadgets to accommodate or to control the aircraft—the Airbus—at the time of landing and take-off. Particularly in the North-East, and in many other airports, these modern gadgets are totally absent which is causing serious difficulties for the pilots and also causing danger to the passengers. Madam, the Government can handle the pilots' strike in a different way; I am not supporting or opposing it. But the safety aspects must be properly looked into and the Government must take care of the safety of the passengers.

About private airlines also, the hon. Minister said that the private airlines take all safety measures. I got a reply from the hon. Minister a few days back as to